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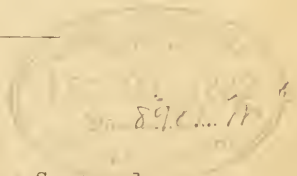


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EASTER MORN.

Hark! to Easter voices :—

“ Christ is risen ! ”

Earth and Heaven rejoices :—

“ Christ is risen ! ”

All nature's voices sing

On hill and plain ;

Let every living thing

Join the refrain.

Rapture fills all the earth ;

Glory the sky ;

Life has a second birth.

And Death shall die.

Sweet these Easter voices :—

“ Christ is risen ! ”

Earth and Heaven rejoices :—

“ Christ is risen ! ”

“ *Christ is risen !* ” O sing !

“ Mighty to save ! ”

O Death where is thy sting ?

Thy victory, Grave ?

Sing ! sing this triumph given

To suffering love !

'Tis the “ New Song ” in heaven ;

Join them above.

In this glad song rejoice,

O burdened heart !

Wake ! every silent voice,

And bear a part.

Come, O thou Holy Dove !

With promised power ;

Crown with Thy tender love,

This joyful hour.

To Him let love be given.

Whose name is Love,

Till Earth responds to Heaven,

Love ! *only* Love.

Let blinded eyes behold

This Easter light,

And hearts now hard and cold,

Melt at the sight.

Let hearts estranged,—hate riven,—

Touched from above,—

Forgive, and be forgiven.

Through love,—pure love.

Joy-giving Easter morn,

Thy lilies white,

Emblem the life to dawn

In love and light.

List to Easter voices !

“ Christ is risen ! ”

Earth with Heaven rejoices :—

“ Christ is risen ! ”

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